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Notice of Opposition filed March 24, 2010 in EP Application No. 04730974.5 (Patent No. 1620559)

Documents D2 (GOSSEN et al.) and D3 (HASAN et al.) are submitted herewith.

Document D1 (WO 96/26270) was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 24, 2009.

Documents D4 (LUBITZ et al.) and D5 (BIGGER et al.) were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 8, 2005.

Extended European Search Report issued June 8, 2010 in EP Application No. 10157309.5

Documents D1 (LUNDEBERG et al.), D2 (GRANGER et al.), D3 (GOSSEN et al.), D4 (SADLER et al.), D5 (WO 02/20823) and DARQUET et al. (listed on page 2/2 of the ESR) are submitted herewith.

JECHLINGER et al. (listed on page 2/2 of the ESR) was cited by the Examiner on the PTO Form 892 attached to the Non-Final Office Action of June 10, 2011.

Third Party Observations filed May 31, 2011 in EP Application No. 10157309.5

Documents D6 (SCHATZ) and D7 (SADLER et al.) are submitted herewith.

Document D8 (WO 96/26270) was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 24, 2009.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not

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